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A FREE THINKER'S REPLY.

False and Malicious Statements Refuted by an Intelligent Woman.

To the Editor of THE REPUBLICAN.

An editorial in your morning contemporary of December 20, on the Free-thinkers is as remarkable for its lack of information on the Free-thought movement as the editorial criticized in *Free-thought* was for its redundancy of "love" and its lack of grammatical construction.

The Free-thinkers of America have no "organ," although there are a number of able and influential papers published in the interest of, and the propagation of, their ideas of truth and justice. The *Investigator*, of Boston, the *Truthseeker*, of New York, and *Free-thought*, of San Francisco, are the most prominent.

Mr. George Macdonald left the *Truthseeker*, which is edited by his brother Eugene, and with Samuel P. Putnam, started a liberal journal on the Western Coast, so that now the Occident and Orient are favored with able, fearless papers. Mr. Putnam was formerly a Unitarian minister, in good standing, having a large and prosperous church at Denver, Colorado. Outgrowing even this denomination, he left a church where he was honored and respected, for the hard and thorny road which he now travels as a Free-thought and secular lecturer.

Mr. Putnam is a poet and author as well as speaker, and had he chosen to suppress his honest thought would today stand in the front ranks of the church he voluntarily left. His high moral character was never before even questioned. Wherever, in his wanderings, he meets any of the former members of his church he is an honored and welcome guest. With his brilliant style and splendid eloquence he is a power on the side of reason and humanity, and needs only to be known to command respect; socially, as a genial gentleman and one of Nature's noblemen.

As to the chief contributor of *Free-thought* being a prostitute, I would say that that paper has no regular female contributor, and I brand this statement as an unmitigated lie. However, the Free-thinkers, as a rule, are not so bitter against this unfortunate class of women as the Christians, remembering that the great Free-thinker of Judea said to one of these, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

On the American platform there are many liberal men and women of various shades of belief, as to the best methods of dealing with the temperance question. I am personally acquainted with some of them and know whereof I write. Mr. W. F. Jamieson is a Prohibitionist. He is an earnest, scholarly advocate of what he thinks is right, and as a debater has few equals. Mr. E. C. Walker, editor of *Fair Play*, is a total abstainer from principle and does not use even tea or coffee, but is opposed to prohibition as being an invasion of personal rights. Colonel R. G. Ingersoll takes a drink when he feels inclined, and as a debater has few equals. Mrs. Mattie P. Krekel, State lecturer for the Oregon Secular Union, is the widow of Judge Krekel, of Missouri, and is a lady of such a character for purity and nobility that it seems almost a prostitution to mention her in connection with the infamous statement in the *Gazette*.

These are only a few of our Free-thought speakers, but time and space will not allow me to mention them all, only to say that they all favor the practice of natural morality and stand firmly for free thought, speech and press. Any hypocrite or "loafer" desirous of making an easy living will hardly choose the open Free-thought platform, where they are liable to such misconstruction and misrepresentation as this editorial is a specimen of, but will rather choose the popular occupation of evangelist or preacher, sheltered behind a "coward's castle."

The many good men and women who are intelligent Free-thinkers honor and support their lecturers, and Samuel P. Putnam will be most cordially welcomed when he returns in January to Tempe and Phoenix.

The irrelevant use of the word "neighbor" in several articles, abusing Free-thinkers, suggests a certain text which we cheerfully recommend to the *Gazette* for careful perusal and reflection, "Love your neighbor as yourself." After due study I hope he will not again indulge in such false and malevolent statements against honest, upright men and women, whose only offense is that they differ from him in religious opinions.

LIZZIE P. HAWKINS.

Tempe, December 21, 1890.

THE MARKETS.

New York, December 23.—Money on call, easy; at the close offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 7 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange, quiet and steady. Sixty-day bills, 4 1/2 per cent. Demand, 4 1/2 per cent. Bar silver, 102 1/2. Copper, nominal; Lake, December, 11 1/2. Lead, dull; domestic, 11 1/2. Tin, more active, at decline, 20 1/2.

London, December 23.—Bar silver, 47 1/2 per cent. Money, 2 1/2 per cent. Closing quotations of mining stocks today were as follows: Horn Silver, 2 1/2. Mexican, 2 1/2. Consolidated California and Virginia, 2 1/2. Gould & Curry, 1 1/2. Hale & Norcross, 1 1/2. Homestake, 8 1/2. Ontario, 37 1/2.

Chicago, December 23.—Cattle.—Receipts, 8,000. The market was slow and steady. Prime native steers, \$1.20; 15,000; stockers, \$1.20; 25,000. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000. The market was firm and a shade higher. Rough and common light mixed, \$1.15; 35,000; fair to good mixed, \$1.15; 35,000; prime heavy and butchers' weights, \$1.15; 35,000; light, \$1.15; 35,000. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000. The market was slow and lower. Native, \$1.37; 35,000; Western, \$1.35; 35,000. Texas, \$1.35; 35,000. Rye—Receipts, 600. Barley—Nominal; 75c. Shoulders—\$1.25; 15,000; short clear, \$1.00; 15,000; short ribs, \$1.25; 15,000.

San Francisco, December 23.—Closing quotations on stock market were as follows: Best & Belcher, 2 1/2. Chollar, 2 1/2. Crocker, 1 1/2. Consolidated California and Virginia, 2 1/2. Confidence, 4 1/2. Gould & Curry, 1 1/2. Hale & Norcross, 1 1/2. Homestake, 8 1/2. Ontario, 37 1/2.

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